

Homeschool Friday Topics for 2007-2008

Are you using our resources regularly, to enrich your history lessons? Are your students going the extra mile to learn history? Ask about our Student Recognition program and end-of-the-year awards ceremony!

August 10: How to Study a Battle

Our popular introductory session uses plastic soldiers to introduce some fundamentals of military organization and tactics, useful in the study of battles from any historical period.

September 14: SC and Frontier Warfare

This month we will look at the Indian Wars during South Carolina's colonial days, and at the back-country partisan struggle during the American Revolution.

October 12: Cavalry: From the Revolution through Roosevelt

This month we'll learn about "Horse Soldiers", from the Revolutionary War through the Spanish-American War, with special emphasis on Wade Hampton III (Confederate cavalry commander).

November 16: Infantry: Civil War through World War One

This month's special focus will be on the American infantry soldier's life, and how the footsoldier's job changed from 1860-1918.. Civil War examples will be drawn mostly from the Gettysburg campaign.

December 14: Artillery/A Southern Homefront Christmas

Having covered horse soldiers and foot soldiers, we'll turn to the cannoneers, with new interactives helping demonstrate the role of the big guns. Also, we'll learn about Christmas on the homefront during wartime.

January 11: Ironclads and Ironies: Naval Adventures In Charleston

Features the story of Robert Small, the slave who commandeered a steamship,

as well as the return of our smash-hit ironclad battle simulation.

February 8: Sherman Comes to Columbia

This month's session will focus on February of 1865, and Columbia's capture by the army of William T. Sherman. First-hand military and civilian accounts will help tell the story.

March 14: 118th and 371st Regiments (World War One)

This look at the battle histories of two South Carolina regiments in 1918 will draw on the research we've done for the new exhibit. We'll also look at issues of segregation in the Army, and the continuation of the South Carolina military tradition into the 20th century.

April 11: World War II

Our collection has many riveting World War Two stories to tell. We'll use first-hand accounts and actual artifacts to give your students a memorable lesson!

May 9: Awards Ceremony!

Also stay tuned for special activities, possibly including an Elmwood Cemetery Tour, a Cayce River Walk "Forced March", and another surprise or two.